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1. Preliminary Statements
2. Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
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Section 1. Preliminary statements

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Section 3. Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. section 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application SN.: 09/487,981, filed on January 20, 2000.

This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. section 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application SN.: 08/920,417, filed on August 29, 1997.

The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application:

The references submitted to, and/or cited by, the office in the prior application are set forth on PTO/SB/08A on page 1.

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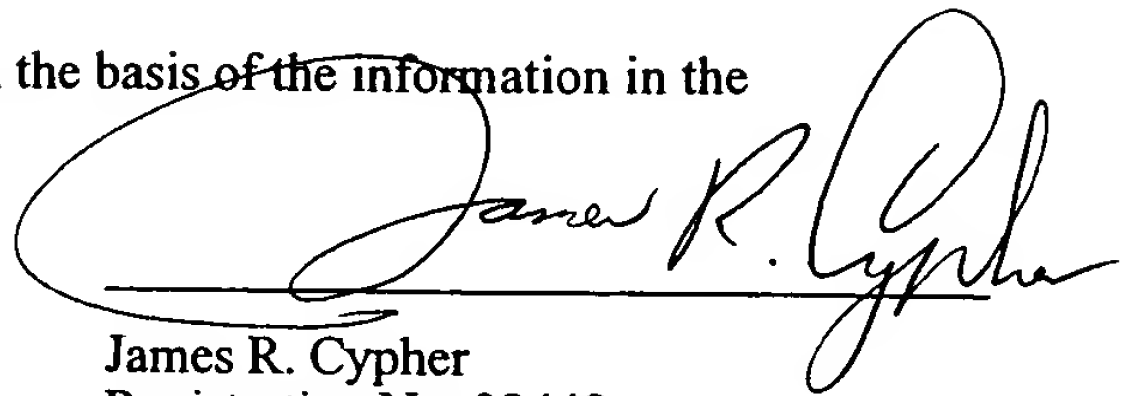
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